Scheduled Tribe Status to Ladakh Tribals

3628. SHRI P. NAMGYAL : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the population of Jammu and Kashmir State as on 1st January, 1996, ethnic group-wise;

(b) whether some ethnic groups of Jammu and Kashmir made representation for granting them Scheduled Tribe status;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the decision taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Government of India carries out Census every ten years. The last Census was held in respect of all States and UTs except J&K in 1991. Population of Jammu & Kashmir as on 1.1.1996 is, therefore, not available.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. Balti, Bada, Bot, Boto, Brokpa, Drokpa, Dard, Shin, Changpa, Garra, Mon, Puriqpa, Gujjar, Bakarwal, Gaddi and Sippi communities have been specified as Scheduled Tribes in relation to Jammu & Kashmir.

[Translation]

Indian Management Centre for Watershed and Farming Centre

3629. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for setting up of Indian Management Centre for Watershed and Farming Centre in Madhya Pradesh is pending with the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the time by which the approval is likely to be accorded to the said proposal?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no such proposal pending with the Union Government.

[English]

Bauxite Mining

3630. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the study conducted by the Engineering India Limited, a public sector undertaking on the environmental impact of bauxite mining in the Indravati river basin of undivided Kalahandi and Koraput districts in Orissa;

(b) if so, the salient features of the survey; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) In 1994 Engineers India Ltd. conducted environmental impact assessment of bauxite mining in the Indravati river basin falling largely in the undivided Koraput district and partly in Kalahandi district of Orissa for M/s Utkal Alumina International (Private) Ltd.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Environment & Forests granted environmental clearance in September, 1995 to M/s Utkal Alumina International (Private) Ltd. for their Baphlimali bauxite mine project.

PCI Godown at Jajpur

3631. SHRI ANCHAL DAS : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the FCI godown at J.K. Road in Jajpur district of Orissa is inoperational;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the date from which it is inoperational; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to make it operational?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) There is no FCI godown at J.K. Road in Jajpur District of Orissa.

(b) to (d) The questions do not arise.

Investment in Drug Sector

3632. SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received proposals for investment from the multinational companies in the Drug Chemical Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof, company-wise;

(c) the present status of the proposals under consideration and details of the proposals cleared so far;

(d) the policy of the Government in regard to the investment in drug sector by the multinationals; and

(e) the details of policy changes under consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As per the modified drug policy announced in 1994, proposals with foreign equity upto 51% are cleared through automatic route. The details of proposals above 51% relating to multinational companies are given in the attached statement.

(d) and (e) The existing policy makes provisions for foreign investment upto 51% in the case of all bulk drugs, their intermediates and formulations. Investment above 51% is considered on a case to case basis in areas where investment is not forthcoming and the production of bulk drug is from basic stage.